REMARKS

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 7-9 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1-5, 8-10 and 20-26 are pending in the application. Claims 6-7 and 11-19 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the indicated allowable subject matter of claim 7, i.e., to incorporate claim 7 and intervening claim 6. Allowable claim 8 has been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 1 and intervening claim 6 in the manner kindly suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action.

New claims 20-26 have been added to provide Applicants with the scope of protection to which they are believed entitled. In particular, new claims 20-21 depend on now allowable claim 1 and include all limitations previously recited in claims 8-9, respectively. New claims 22-26 depend on allowable claim 8 and include all limitations previously recited in claims 2-5 and 10, respectively. Therefore, the new claims constitute no new matter, raise no new issues, and require no further search.

All claim rejections are believed overcome in view of the above amendments.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under *37 C.F.R. 1.136* is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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